If for some reason you've decided not to help our "We the People" Citizens Campaign to restore good government, please consider:

Washington Times
Term Limits and the American Ruling Class

"The principle cause of the unchecked growth of government in America is the closing of our political system -- the transformation of Congress and many state legislatures into exclusive clubs with lifetime memberships... The Washington establishment, with it corrupting subsidies, debilitating taxes, and invasive regulations, perfectly illustrates the point. But why do we need term limits? Can't we just vote the rascals out? Usually not. Politicians have a knack for figuring out how to use public resources for private gain. If allowed to remain in office for life, they will obsess on getting re-elected and contrive to stack the electoral decks in their favor."

"Consider the array of incumbent advantages that protects and sustains (them): "free" staff, "free" postage for congressional junk mail, billions in pork handouts for special interest groups, bogus campaign finance reforms that handicap challengers, and cushy salaries that allow lawmakers to campaign full time without quitting their regular jobs."

"Limiting members of Congress... would advance... reform in several ways... Congress would become more genuinely representative. More members would be elected directly from the hardworking, overtaxed, overregulated private sector... under term limits, special interests could not keep their congressional patrons in office, no matter how lavish their campaign support..."

San Deigo Union-Tribune
Joseph Perkins

Pivotal test for term limits

"No sooner are lawmakers elected to office before they are gearing up for the next campaign... they jockey for committee assignments that will enable them to amass the largest possible campaign war chest to deter potential rivals for office. And they use their office staff to build up political chits... Altogether this has made incumbents in Congress virtually unbeatable... Recent history bears this out. House incumbents were returned to office in 95 percent of races during the last four elections, and more than 90 percent of contests in all but four elections since 1950... we have a Congress that cannot balance the federal budget, that can't wean itself from pork barrel spending, that continues to preserve failed social programs, that enacts all manner of costly regulations and mandates..."

New York Times
Ike Liked Term Limits

"Written on the President's Gettysburg stationary on October 25, 1967, nearly seven years after he left office, it is addressed to his former White House counsel... "I'm not sure I agree with your feeling that we do not pay our Senators and Congressmen enough. They have plenty of perquisites and fringe benefits aside from their pay -- which has doubled since 1953. But my real objection is that I am not enamored of the professional politican. In fact, I should like to see a limit of something like 12 years placed on the tenure of any Congressman or Senator in either house. I would rather see a flow of fresh blood constantly coming into Congress."

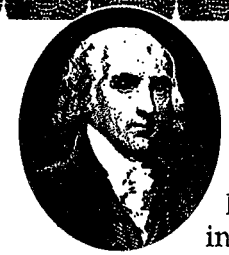
George Will

"...term limits for Congress is favored by more than 70 percent of Americans. Last week Clinton directed his solicitor general to file a brief supporting a suit against the people of his home state. In 1992 Arkansas, like the people of 13 other states, voted to impose term limits on their senators and representatives. Today, because of Clinton's solidarity with the political class, the residents of those 14 states are having their federal taxes used to pay for a suit against them. Clinton says term limits can be imposed only by constitutional amendment."

USA TODAY
Congressman Dick Armey

"Too often today, instead of constituents choosing their representatives, the representatives choose their constituents in districts gerrymandered to protect their power structure. And even the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives sued his own state to block the voters' desire for term limits."

"When eight out of 10 Americans support the idea of term limits, we owe them an open and honest national debate in Congress on a constitutional amendment to limit the number of terms senators and representatives can serve."



James Madison:

"Whenever there is an interest and power to do wrong, wrong will generally be done and not less readily by a powerful and interested Party, than by a prince'.
"Wherever the real power in a government lies, there is a danger of oppression. In our government, the real power lies in the majority of the Community... government is the mere instrument of the major number of constituents."

George Mason:

Representatives are "the trustees and servants of the people and at all times amenable to them."
"Whenever government shall be found inadequate or contrary to these purposes, the majority of the community hath an indubitable, unalienable and undefeasible right to reform (it)... in such a manner as shall be the most conducive to the public weal"

John Adams:

(on re-elections):
"elections to office which are great objects of ambition, I look at with terror."

Thomas Jefferson:

"The whole art of government consists in the art of being honest..." "The will of the public majority should always prevail."
"The general (federal) government will tend to monarchy, which will fortify itself from day to day, instead of working its own cures." "What country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time..."
"It is the manners and spirit of the people which preserves a republic in vigour. A degeneracy in these is a canker which soon eats the heart of its laws and constitution."